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Finland

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Finland due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[358] (9) 616250; US Embassy in Finland, Itäinen Puistotie 14 B, 00140 Helsinki, Finland

Telephone Code

358

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

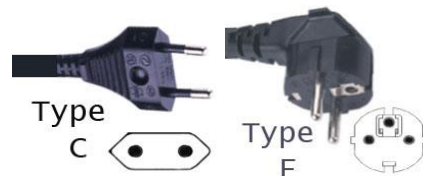
Cold temperate; potentially subarctic but comparatively mild because of moderating influence of the North Atlantic Current, Baltic Sea, and more than 60,000 lakes

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F



Major Languages

Finnish 87.9%, Swedish 5.2%, Russian 1.4%, other 5.5%

Religions

Lutheran 69.8%, Greek Orthodox 1.1%, other 1.7%, unspecified 27.4%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); Daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Turku Castle; Porvoo; Lake Saimaa region (includes Savonlinna and Castle Olavinlinna); Orthodox Church in Tampere; Lemmenjoki National Park; Helsinki churches (Uspensky and Lutheran Cathedrals, Temppeliaukio Church); Suomenlinna Fortress
Major Sports	Soccer, ice hockey, ski jumping, cross-country skiing
Cultural Practices	When invited to a Finn's home, it is considered polite to arrive punctually and to offer to bring a dish.
Tipping Guidelines	Tips are not expected as a service charge is always included at restaurants, but you may leave a small tip of 5-10% for excellent service. Tipping at hotels is fairly rare, but a few euros for good service is appreciated. Round up for taxis.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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